

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 to 2 and 6 to 9 remain in the application. Claims 1, 6, 8 and 9 have been amended and Claims 3 to 5 cancelled.

Applicant has amended the title to more clearly reflect Applicant's invention.

Claims 1 to 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent Application No. 2002/0095222 to Lignoul ("Lignoul") in view of US Patent No. 4,922,328 to Engel ("Engel"). Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 8 to include the subject matter of a set of digital to analog converters connected, in operable communication, to a set of RGB timers to enable and disable primary colours on the display panel.

Lignoul is directed at a method of deactivating a screen saver using a proximity sensor. More specifically, the reference is directed at preventing a screen saver from activating when a proximity sensor senses the presence of a user. Applicant respectfully submits that Lignoul is silent with respect to the subject matter of amended Claims 1 and 8.

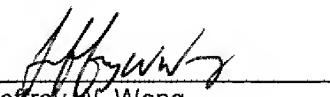
The second cited reference, Engel, is directed at a cathode ray tube (CRT) auto tracking system. In column 2 lines 64 to 66, there is discussion that "A color CRT 2 is supplied with red, green and blue color signals from an RGB source 3 that is, in turn, coupled to a digital to analog (D/A) converter 4". However, there is no indication in Engel that the D/A converter is connected, in operable communication, to one of a set of RGB timers, as now claimed. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that the counters disclosed in column 5 lines 20 to 44 are not RGB timers which are connected to D/A converters to enable or disable the primary colours of the display panel.

Applicant respectfully submits that Lignoul and Engel, when read separately, or together, do not disclose the subject matter of amended Claims 1 and 8. As the remaining claims are directly or indirectly dependent on Claims 1 or 8, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are also patentable over the cited art. Retraction of Examiner's rejection of Claims 1 to 9 is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully believes that the application is now in a position for a Notice of Allowance which Applicant respectfully requests.

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